

Tweetathon for Gonski to Pressure Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Federal Coalition on Schools Funding

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Parents tweeting for Gonski will pressure Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Federal Coalition to properly fund schools in the lead up to the coming election.

The NSW P&C Federation is encouraging all parents to get behind the Tweetathon in support of Gonski funding - which was designed to guarantee every Australian child a world-class education.

The Tweetathon will happen on Wednesday April 27, between 6.30pm and 9pm, NSW P&C Federation President Jason Vials said.

Federation members will use hashtags #gonski and @turnbullmalcolm, Mr Vials said.

“We invite everyone who cares about our kids’ education and the future of our country to join parents in flooding the twittersphere with demands for Malcolm Turnbull and his government to commit to the Gonski funding,” Mr Vials said.

“Mr Turnbull repeatedly says that Australia should be an agile and innovative country.

“However the massive hole in education funding is an obvious obstacle to achieving this.

“If schools in some areas are underfunded, the kids there face an inherently steeper climb to success in their lives.”

The Gonski Review found that the federal government needs to inject an extra \$5 billion annually into the school system nationally to ensure every child receives a high quality education.

Mr Vials said equitable education funding should not be a partisan issue and the federal government is isolated in its scepticism –with parents, teachers, most state governments and political parties supporting the model.

Funding that has already been allocated under the model is making a significant difference in schools, particularly to those with disadvantaged students, he said.

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